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1. The only unit which was loaded on trains at Letzling Heath (H 53/Y 53) between 4 and 17 September 1950 was a tank unit on 8 September 1950. (1)
2. About 60 tanks in sheds, about 20 canvas-covered tanks, 10 tank trucks and about 100 trucks [redacted] were observed on the parking lot of the camp in the woods 2 km. east of Born on 11 September 1950. A total of 200 to 250 tanks were sheltered in two tank garages in a clearing about 1 km southwest of the parking lot. About 500 trucks [redacted] were in the garages and in the open at an extensive parking lot near the road, about 500 meters southeast of Born, on 13 September 1950. Troops there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No tanks were seen there. A fuel dump was apparently located in a fenced-in area 800 meters southeast of Born. Four trucks [redacted] towing 76.2-mm AT guns and carrying troops were seen in Born on 16 September 1950. (2)
3. A German employed by the **Russians** in Born said that the troops would leave the camp in the woods after 25 September 1950. Some troops would go to the barracks at the Hillersleben artillery range and to the Seeckt Kaserne of Magdeburg. It was said that three or four generals from Moscow had been inspecting the troops in their camp in the woods since about 10 September 1950. (3)

4. [redacted]

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- (1) A tank unit which, [redacted] 5X11 [redacted] belonged to the 21st Gds Mecz Div and which returned to its post. [redacted]
- (2) The information [redacted] show that the Born-Flanken training area at Letzling Heath was still occupied by elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div on 16 September 1950. The number of tanks appears to be exaggerated. [redacted]
- (3) Reports from other maneuver areas also indicate that the troops would return to their posts after and at the end of September 1950. [redacted]
- (4) [redacted]

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